

lines 9-14 and page 21, lines 26-35 of the instant specification. Diffusible polypeptides are taught at page 11, lines 13-18 of the instant specification. Liver cells are taught at page 31, lines 3-8 of the instant specification. The various promoters and enhancers are taught at page 25, line 25 through page 26, line 2 of the instant application.

Hence, the above new claims are supported fully by the instant specification and entry thereof is requested respectfully.

Regarding the references submitted 28 February 2002, as noted in MPEP 609 C(3) documents submitted as part of a reply need not satisfy 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and 1.98, and thus, should have been considered. Nevertheless, in view of the filing of the instant CPA, the Examiner will find those previously cited references, which are in the file, supportive of the arguments of record. An updated 1449 form is attached hereto.

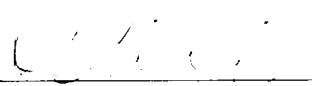
CONCLUSION

Applicants have taken steps to advance prosecution. Reexamination, reconsideration and early indication of allowance are solicited earnestly. If any questions remain, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local exchange noted hereinbelow.

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
CPA of Serial No.: CPA of 09/576.858

The Commissioner hereby is authorized to charge or credit Deposit Account No.
18-2220 for any fees that may be associated with the filing with the instant Amendment

Respectfully submitted.



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